

APPLICANTS FOR PENSIONS, &c.—REJECTED.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

TRANSMITTING

A report of the Commissioner of Pensions of applicants for pensions, or increase of pensions, which have been rejected during the past year, &c.

DECEMBER 14, 1842.

Read, and laid upon the table.

WAR DEPARTMENT, *December 13, 1842.*

SIR: I respectfully transmit, herewith, the annual report of the Commissioner of Pensions, containing a list of applicants for pensions, or increase of pensions, whose claims have been rejected during the past year, prepared under the joint resolution of the two Houses of Congress of May 29, 1830.

The provision of this resolution was referred to in the report of this Department of the 24th of December, 1841, and seems to require only a "list of such persons, whether invalid or otherwise, as shall have made application for a pension, or an increase of pension, and as, in the opinion of the Department, ought to be placed on the pension roll, or otherwise provided for, and for doing which there is no sufficient power or authority."

On the evidence exhibited, none of the applicants appear to be entitled to a pension, or increase of pension. The lists of all applicants within the last year are now reported, conformably to the usage which has heretofore prevailed.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. C. SPENCER.

Hon. JOHN WHITE,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PENSION OFFICE, *December 10, 1842.*

SIR: By a resolve of Congress, (No. 7,) which was passed on the 29th of May, 1830, it is made the duty of the Secretary of War to present, at each session of Congress, to the Senate and House of Representatives, a several list of such persons, whether revolutionary, invalid, or otherwise,

as shall have made application for a pension, or an increase of pension and as, in his opinion, ought to be placed upon the pension roll, or otherwise provided for, and for doing which he has not sufficient power or authority, with the names and residence of such persons, the capacity in which they served, the degree of relief proposed, and a brief statement of the grounds thereof, to the end that Congress may consider the same.

As some difficulty arises as to the true interpretation of the resolution, is deemed proper to state to you that all claims for pensions, when provided for by law, and supported by the requisite proof, are admitted. Such are provided for by law, and are not substantiated by the necessary evidence, are not allowed, and the applicants are required to exhibit the usual testimony; and such claims as are not provided for by any act of Congress are absolutely rejected.

Lists of claims rejected, marked A, B, C, and D, and which cannot, under any existing law, be admitted at this office, are herewith submitted to you to the end that the object contemplated by the resolution may be effected.

After a careful examination of the papers in the cases now reported, have been unable to discover that there are any claims among them that should recommend to the consideration of Congress for special legislation.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

Hon. J. C. SPENCER,
Secretary of War.

A.

A list of the names of persons who claim pensions on account of wounds and other injuries alleged to have been received while in the service of the United States, and whose claims have not been admitted; prepared in conformity with a resolution of Congress of the 29th of May, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
MASSACHUSETTS.		
Abiel Adams - -	Private -	Discharged on account of dropsy, dysentery, &c., none of which disorders owe their origin to the performance of military duty as a soldier.
Isaac T. Bean - -	Private of dra- goons. -	Discharged on account of dysentery; not owing to the performance of his duty as a soldier.
Francis Green - -	Private -	Claims a pension on account of an injury received during the revolutionary war; the law granting pensions in such cases expired some years since; there is therefore no act of Congress making provision for such cases.
NEW YORK.		
John Reddy - -	Private -	A rejected recruit; the invalid laws do not provide for such a case.
Isaac Wiltes - -	Private -	Discharged on account of rheumatism; it does not appear that the disease originated from any cause connected with the discharge of military duty.
KENTUCKY.		
Thomas W. Irvine -	Private -	Discharged for disability, which did not originate while he was in the line of his duty as a soldier in the U. S. army, but before he entered the service.
OHIO.		
Samuel Drew - -	Private -	Discharged on account of the loss of the vision of an eye, produced by inflammation from gonorrheal matter applied to it.
ILLINOIS.		
Jonathan Griffith -	Private -	The only officer now living under whom he served appears to know nothing of his having been injured while in service, nor do the books or papers in the public offices afford any such evidence.
John Stone - -	Private -	The officer to whose company he belonged has no knowledge whatever of any wound or other injury having been received by the claimant whilst in the U. S. service, nor do the books or papers in the public offices afford any evidence of such wounds.

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

PENSION OFFICE, December 10, 1842.

B.

A statement showing the names, residence, and rank of persons, whose claims on account of revolutionary services, under the act of June 7, 1832, have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same; prepared in conformity with a resolution of Congress of the 29th May, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
NEW YORK.		
Benjamin S. Evans -	Private -	There is no evidence on the Connecticut rolls, in which State he claims to have served, to show that he ever was in service.
Elisha Eldridge -	Private -	His statement of service is not corroborated by the rolls of Massachusetts and Connecticut, in which States he says he served.
John Hauver -	Private -	He did not serve in a military capacity.
Asael Hartwell -	Private -	His name does not appear on the rolls of the company in which he says he served.
Cornelius Vidder -	Volunteer -	He did not serve in a military capacity.
Matthew Van Deuzen -	Private -	Claims for his own services and those of his slave, as his substitute, but does not specify or prove the service in either case.
PENNSYLVANIA.		
The children of George Clark, deceased.	Lieutenant -	Their father died before the 4th March, 1831; case not provided for by law.
Martin Dearwart -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months in a military capacity.
Andrew Kerr -	Private -	He did not enter the service till after the termination of the revolutionary war.
George Wentling -	Major -	His statement of service is not corroborated by the rolls of the State in which he claims to have served.
VIRGINIA.		
Thomas Dew -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for.
Williamson Rainey -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for.
SOUTH CAROLINA.		
Hugh Matthews -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months in a military capacity; case not provided for by law.
MISSISSIPPI.		
George Harbinson -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.
ALABAMA.		
William Mullens -	Private -	He did not serve in a military capacity under competent authority.
Cornelius Quinlin -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.
KENTUCKY.		
Sylvester Adams -	Private -	He did not serve six months in a military capacity; case not provided for by law.
Jacob Dry -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.

B—Continued.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
KENTUCKY—continued.		
John Denney - -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.
Isham Faris - -	Private -	He did not serve six months in the revolutionary war in a military capacity.
Joseph Newton - -	Private -	He did not serve six months in a military capacity in a regularly organized corps.
Solomon Sharpe - -	Private -	He did not serve six months in a military capacity; case not provided for by law.
INDIANA.		
John Holler - -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.
Josiah Thrasher - -	Private -	He did serve in a regularly organized corps under competent authority.
OHIO.		
Jonathan Fowler - -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for by law.
John Spencer - -	Private -	He did not serve in a regularly organized corps under competent authority.
MICHIGAN.		
John Smith - -	Private -	He did not serve so long as six months in a military capacity; case not provided for by law.

J. L. EDWARDS,
Commissioner of Pensions.

PENSION OFFICE, *December 10, 1842.*

C.

A statement showing the names, residence, and rank, of persons whose claims under the act of the 4th of July, 1836, have been rejected, and the reasons for rejecting the same; prepared in conformity with a resolution of Congress of the 29th of May, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Husband's rank.	Under what section claimed.	Reasons for rejection.
VERMONT.			
Mary Pinney, widow of Isaac Pinney.	Sergeant -	Third	Not married till after her husband left the service.
RHODE ISLAND.			
Freelove Smith, widow of Jonathan Smith.	Lieutenant -	Third	Not married before her husband left the service.

C—Continued.

Names of applicants.	Husband's rank.	Under what section claimed.	Reasons for rejection.
CONNECTICUT.			
Rachel Wilcox, widow of Jacob Wilcox.	Private	- Third	Not married before her husband left the service.
NEW YORK.			
Sarah Lemington, widow of Thos. Lemington.	An officer, (grade not given.)	Third	Not married before her husband left the service.
Barbara Mersereau, widow of Jn. Mersereau.	Spy and assistant commissary of prisoners.	Third	Her husband did not serve in a military capacity; case not provided for.
Mary Phelps, formerly widow of Richard Austin.	Private	- Third	The husband, in whose right she claimed, deserted.
Eliz'th Sexton, widow of Jonathan Sexton.	Adjutant	- Third	Her husband did not serve so long as six months; case not provided for.
PENNSYLVANIA.			
Margaret Boss, widow of Daniel C. Boss.	Private	- First	Her husband served in the militia of the late war, and died in 1828, up to which time he received a pension; case not provided for.
VIRGINIA.			
Ann Hudson, widow of John Hudson.	Private	- Third	Not married before her husband left the service.
NORTH CAROLINA.			
Nancy Nash, widow of Michael Nash.	Private	- Third	Not married till after her husband left the service.
OHIO.			
Sarah Waterman, widow of Chs. Waterman.	Private	- Third	Not married before her husband left the service.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.			
Elizabeth Jones, widow of Thomas Jones.	Private	- Third	Her husband deserted.

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PENSION OFFICE, December 10, 1842.

D.

A statement showing the names and residence of the widows whose claims under the act of July 7, 1838, have been rejected, the rank of the deceased officers and soldiers on account of whose service the claims were presented, and the reasons for rejecting the same; prepared in conformity with a resolution of Congress of May 29, 1830.

Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
NEW HAMPSHIRE.		
Nancy Bixby,* widow of David Bixby.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Polly Hackett, widow of John Hackett.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
The children of Abigail Hall, deceased, formerly the widow of John Morrison.	Private	- Mrs. Hall died before the passage of the act of the 23d August, 1842; claim not provided for.
Sarah Page, widow of William Page.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
VERMONT.		
Lydia Wilds, widow of Jacob Wilds.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
MASSACHUSETTS.		
Rebecca Swain, widow of James Swain.	Mariner	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
CONNECTICUT.		
Olive Enos, formerly the widow of Joseph Holcomb.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed, her second husband being then alive.
NEW YORK.		
Anner Clark, widow of William Clark.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Rachel Glazier, widow of Eliphalet Glazier.	Private	- She claims for the services of a substitute furnished by her late husband; case not provided for.
Olive Havens, widow of Samuel Havens.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Elizabeth Lane, formerly the widow of Jonathan Johnson, and now the widow of William Lane, 2d.	Privates	- Her first husband did not serve so long as six months, and she was not married to her second husband until after the 1st of January, 1794.
Elizabeth Mount, widow of John Mount.	Lieutenant	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Sarah Ostrander, widow of John Ostrander.	Private and sergeant.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Vrouche Oblenis, widow of Garret Oblenis.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Jane Watson, widow of John Watson.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.

* Since the rejection of this claim, as well as a number of others similarly situated, the Department has decided that, agreeably to the provisions of the act of August 23, 1842, a widow may be allowed the pension, notwithstanding her husband died since the 7th July, 1838.

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Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
NEW YORK—continued.		
Polly Wentworth, widow of Alpheus Wentworth.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Abigail Westcot, widow of Amos Westcot.	Fifer	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Sarah Waley formerly the widow of Cornelius Rose.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed, her last husband, Waley, having died in 1842.
PENNSYLVANIA.		
Mary Barr, widow of William Barr.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Anna M. Herring, widow of Ludwig or Lewis Herring.	Lieutenant	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Nancy Jennings, deceased, widow of Nathan B. Jennings.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Eleonor Jones, widow of Dennis Jones.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Sarah Malone, widow of John Malone.	Dragoon	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Amy Moore, widow of James Moore.	Private	- She was not married until after the 1st of January, 1794; case not provided for by law.
Mabel Thompson, widow of John Thompson.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Sarah Whitcomb, widow of John Whitcomb.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Mary White, widow of Potter White.	Marine	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Rachel Warner, widow of Moses Warner.	Private and fifer.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
MARYLAND.		
Esther T. Burroughs, widow of Norman Burroughs.	Private	- Her husband did not serve so long as 6 months.
Elizabeth Harvey, widow of Archibald Harvey.	Private	- Her husband did not serve so long as 6 months.
VIRGINIA.		
Representatives of Martha Dameron, deceased, formerly the widow of Christopher Tompkins.	Lieutenant	- Mrs. Dameron died before the passage of the act of 23d August, 1842; case not provided for by law.
Children of Mary Moore, widow of Alexander Moore.	Private	- Her husband did not serve so long as 6 months in a military capacity; case not provided for.
Elizabeth Spitfathom, widow of John Spitfathom.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Clarissa Wray, widow of Henry Wray.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
NORTH CAROLINA.		
Nancy Bryan, widow of John Bryan.	Lieutenant & captain.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Margaret Cathy, widow of Alexander Cathy.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
SOUTH CAROLINA.		
Martha Humphreys, widow of David Humphreys.	Captain	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.

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Names of applicants.	Rank.	Reasons for rejection.
ALABAMA.		
Sarah Hooper, widow of Obadiah Hooper.	Private	- She was not married until after the 1st of January, 1794; case not provided for.
Jane McGaughey, widow of Samuel McGaughey.	Lieutenant & captain.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
TENNESSEE.		
Johanna Breden, widow of Chs. Breden.	Private, &c.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Elizabeth Brown, widow of Jacob Brown.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Eleanor Geron, widow of Solomon Geron.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Ann Lockridge, widow of James Lockridge.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Jane McCoy, widow of Daniel McCoy.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Mary Rutherford, widow of Absalom Rutherford.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Margaret Ussleton, widow of Geo. Ussleton.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
KENTUCKY.		
Susanna Barron, widow of John Barron.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Dorothy Cooper, widow of Frederick Cooper.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Margaret Cain, widow of John Cain.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Children of Patsey Morgan, deceased, widow of Philip Morgan.	Private	- Mrs. Morgan died before the passage of the act of July 7, 1838; case not provided for by law.
Mary New, widow of Jacob New	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Sarah Pratt, widow of Stephen Pratt.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
OHIO.		
Elizabeth Hollister, widow of Asahel Hollister.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Leah Haskell, widow of Prince Haskell.	Drummer, &c.	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
Jane Hall, widow of David Hall	Lieutenant	- Her husband did not enter the U. S. service until long after the termination of the revolutionary war; case not provided for by law.
Dorcas Phillips, widow of Spencer Phillips.	Private	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.
INDIANA.		
Mary Meredith, widow of Samuel Meredith.	Dragoon	- She was not a widow when the act of July 7, 1838, passed.

J. L. EDWARDS,
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